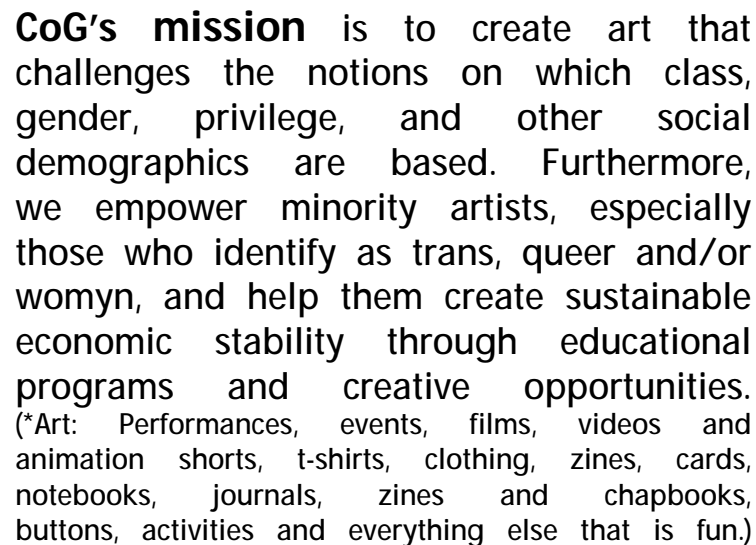


What does Cog Stand For? the Collective of Geniuses.

We have conversations about structure and how to focus on a population that is mostly trans, queer and minorities and if we can still say that we are egalitarian. We work together to complete projects that align with our goals. We help each other.

Why do you call yourselves Geniuses? Are you egotistical or something? Nope, no egotistical megalomaniacs here, despite the narcissistic epidemic in our culture today... it's a joke people, a joke: A joke about what Genius means and what it means to be a genius , today, in society. Check List Please': White, European, Heterosexual, oh and of course Male... This doesn't describe the cog artist very well. Despite this lack of White-European-Heterosexual-Males we DO have a line up of five-star professional artists who uphold our standards for creating quality innovative work. Eat that Patriarchy!

Great! How do I get involved? You can come to our events and performances, buy our arts and crafts, donate your time and/or money, and/or sign up for a class! Join our listserve. Tell a friend. be empowered!



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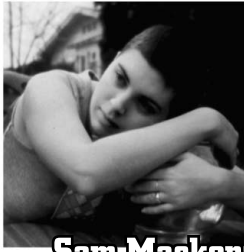
We can teach you how to make art, whether that be silk screen and zine making, or acrobatics and aerial dance. The Cog Factory is a safe place for people, of all types, to pursue their interests. We teach you how to manage your art like a business. We work to empower minority artists, especially those who identify as Trans, Queer, and/or Womyn.

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Sam Mackenzie

Each year we hand select some very special artists to share with you. We then make a limited edition calendar highlighting the artists of the year. As of now they receive a gallery show for the FIRST FRIDAY ARTS WALK.



Marico Fayre

FIRST FRIDAY OPENINGS



Finn Paul

We are hoping that for next year we will be able to expand this program offering studio time, mentorship, and teaching opportunities. To expand this program we need your help. It cost money to rent space and facilitate happenings such as these.

Grants are few and fair between for even the most established organizations right now so it truly is your support that keeps this and our other programs alive!

2009 ARTISTS

Finn Paul
Molly Jochem
GigiGrinstad
Sam Mackenzie
Marico Fayre
Jack StockLynn
Lorenzo Triburgo
Smitty Amabilis
June and
December are
Craft Fairs



PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

Queers ♥ Beeks

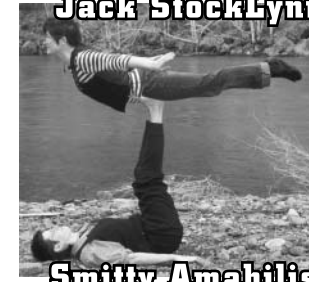
FIRST FRIDAY GALLERY OPENINGS
Memberships and Sponsorships
QUEER ARTISTS ROUND TABLE (ART)
CLASSES AND OPEN STUDIOS
ONLINE ART MART
Performances
Space Rental

Since Cog is an organization run for and by artists our programming changes to reflect the needs of those artists. We have memberships with loads of special perks, including the ability to be a sponsored artist. A sponsored artist can receive development and technical assistance, such as grant writing, press releases, mentorship, graphic design, as well as discounted fees. Cog also offers classes, open studio workshops, and sliding scale space rentals to members and non-members alike.

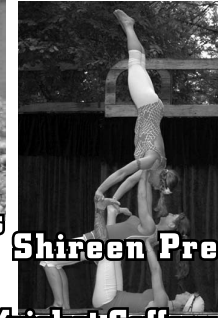
Members have access to ART, the artist round table, a monthly meeting where we discuss topics of great importance like how to write a press release.

Cog has a **performance troupe** and a **crafty design crew**, look for us at a fair near you! Or, better yet, you can support your local minority artists through **hiring Cog for all your promotional, performance, design and printing needs**. We have a genius or two to make you just about anything you can think of, from a splashy product launch party to a dashing cap that matches your bike.

Jack StockLynn



Smitty Amabilis



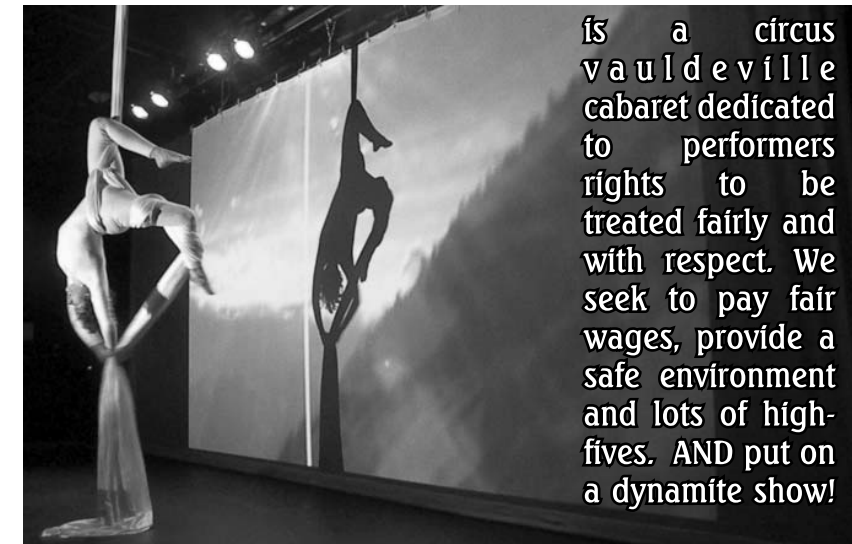
Shireen Press

Kricket Gaffery



Spaceman

Queers ♥ Beeks



is a circus vaudeville cabaret dedicated to performers rights to be treated fairly and with respect. We seek to pay fair wages, provide a safe environment and lots of high-fives. AND put on a dynamite show!

We are proud to be a resident company at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, where we host *Queers ♥ Beeks* and other original works. You can buy tickets to our shows at <http://pdxix.net/cog>